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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

VIA: Deputy Director for Intelligence

FROM:
Director of Soviet Analysis

SUBJECT: MEAP Proposal for Additional Sources of
Soviet Economics Information

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1. Action. None - for your information only.
2. Background. At the May meeting of the Military Economic Advisory Panel, Prof. Trembl noted that economic statistics normally deleted from Soviet publications could occasionally be found in the unpublished writings of scholars on file in libraries. This was particularly true in non-Soviet, East European libraries where aspects of CEMA trade and industrial output were sometimes available showing comparative Soviet/non-Soviet measures. This had been discovered recently in the course of some scholarly research but no one knows how much data such sources might contain.
3. SOVA has scheduled additional meetings with Prof. Trembl, the first to take place later this week. We will keep you posted if anything develops.
4. The obvious collection problem we must address is how to get at this material. Language trained economists are required and 1) State has virtually none in these areas; 2) DDO is overloaded; 3) DDI economists sifting through such files would compromise the source and 4) outside exchange scholars are reluctant to work with us. Somewhere in this mess, however, there must be a pony! We'll keep looking.

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